



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

MUNICIPALITY OF TUTRAKAN

MUNICIPAL CENTER FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – TUTRAKAN

25th INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION "RIVER NOTES"

Tutrakan, Bulgaria

August 21, 22, and 23, 2026



ABOUT THE COMPETITION

In August, for the twenty-fifth consecutive year, Tutraкан will become a center of art. Over the years, children from Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Kosovo, Israel, Russia, Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, Uzbekistan, Italy, Turkey, and Kazakhstan have gathered on the picturesque banks of the Danube River. With their unique talents, beauty, youth, and outstanding performances, they turn the days of the competition into a true celebration for the city.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Providing a stage for young talents to showcase their abilities;
2. Promoting Bulgarian children's and popular music;
3. Uniting children from Bulgaria and abroad in a creative community and introducing them to Bulgarian culture.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The "River Notes" 2026 competition will be held in  August 21, 22, and 23, 2026 –
Tutrakan, Bulgaria

CATEGORIES

1. Pop, Popular, and Children's Songs (Solo performers only)
2. Musical and Film Songs (Solo performers only)
3. Jazz (Solo performers only)
4. "Songs of the bulgarian composer Haygashod Agasyan"
5. Duets, trios and Vocal Groups

REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

- Each participant performs one song, up to **4 minutes long**.
- If a participant wants to compete in multiple categories, they must **submit separate application forms**

AGE GROUPS

CATEGORY 1 - Pop, Popular, and Children's Songs (Solo Performers)

Group I – Up to 7 years old

Group II – 8-9 years old

Group IIIA – 10-12 years old

Group IIIB – 13-14 years old

Group IV – 15-18 years old

CATEGORY 2 - Musical and Film Songs (Solo Performers)

Group I – Up to 7 years old

Group II – 8-11 years old

Group III – 12 – 14 years old

Group IV – 15-18 years old

CATEGORY 3: Jazz (Solo Performers)

Group I – Up to 7 years old

Group II – 8-11 years old

Group III – 12 – 14 years old

Group IV – 15-18 years old

CATEGORY 4 - "Songs of Haygashod Agasyan" (Solo Performers)

Group I – Up to 7 years old

Group II – 8-11 years old

Group III – 12 – 14 years old

Group IV – 15-18 years old

CATEGORY 5: Vocal Groups and Chamber Ensembles

Group I – Up to 12 years old

Group II – 13-18 years old

JUDGING

The jury of the "River Notes" International Competition will evaluate each participant with scores ranging from 5 to 10. The total score will determine the final ranking.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

1. Repertoire selection
2. Difficulty of performance and vocal technique
3. Accuracy of intonation
4. Overall artistic impression

The application must include:

- ☒ Participant's information
- ☒ Instrumental track of the song/ songs

CONTEST FEE:

All participants and all other people who decided to come along with them have to pay the costs of the festival - 220 EURO + 30 euro festival fee. This fee will be pay on place, when the participants come to Bulgaria. The fee includes:

- ☐ Three nights in a local hotel with all facilities (the price includes breakfast and dinner)
- ☐ Participation contest fee
- ☐ The chance to participate in every festival event

* If you wish to stay in the city of Tutrakan outside the days of the competition (August 21, 22 and 23), each additional day is paid in the amount of 60 euros/per person.

AWARDS

 Trophies or medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners

 Mayor of Tutrakan's Award – Trophy and cash prize

 Grand Prix Junior – Trophy and cash prize

 Grand Prix – Trophy and cash prize

 **Gala Concert** – The winners of 1st place scholarships (funded by the Ministry of Education, only for Bulgarian participants), outstanding international performers, the Mayor's Award recipient, and the Grand Prix winners will perform in the Gala Concert.

 **Awards Ceremony** – All other winners will receive their awards before the Gala Concert.

IMPORTANT!

Each performer must collect their award in person!

The organizers will not send awards by courier.

APPLICATION RULES

- ☒ Each performance requires a separate application on **rechni-noti.com**
- ☒ No combined applications for multiple categories will be accepted—each entry must be submitted individually.
- ☒ The organizers reserve the right to modify the competition regulations if necessary.

KEY DEADLINES

✦ **Deadline for confirming participation in the festival:**

August 1, 2026 (via e-mail rechni_noti_tn@abv.bg)

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPETITION YOU CAN FIND ON THE WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE OF "RIVER NOTES" SOON!

⚠ Applications without the instrumental track will not be accepted!

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